



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY
CIVIL AIR PATROL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK E. SMITH

Colonel Mark E. Smith serves as the Commander, New Mexico Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP). CAP is congressionally chartered as the United States Air Force Auxiliary, and is tasked with the missions of Emergency Services, Aerospace Education and the CAP cadet program.



Colonel Smith was born in Los Angeles, California and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1974. Following graduation, he served in the Air Force for 26 years and retired in 2000 as a Colonel. As a fighter pilot, he flew over 3,500 hours with most of his time in the F-4D, AT-38B and F-15C. He commanded the 27th Fighter Squadron, is a graduate of the Tactical Leadership Program (NATO's equivalent of Top Gun), and is a veteran of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He later served as the Director of the award-winning Joint Advanced Distributed Simulation Joint Test and Evaluation program. He is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College.

After retiring from the Air Force, Colonel Smith entered industry where he served as Vice President, Test and Evaluation for Scientific Research Corporation and Senior Vice President, Operations Manager, for Science Applications International Corporation. Colonel Smith now serves as an independent consultant to industry in management, technical and business development areas. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the International Test and Evaluation Association.

Colonel Smith joined CAP in 2005. He has served at the squadron level as a Safety Officer, Aerospace Education Officer, and Squadron Commander. He also served as a member of the Wing Professional Development team. His Region-level responsibilities have focused on Southwest Region Staff College (SWRSC), where he served as a member of the staff in 2007, 2008 and 2009. He served as SWRSC Director in 2010 and was selected to serve as Director again in 2011. He is a graduate of Squadron Leadership School, Corporate Learning Course, Unit Commanders Course, Region Staff College, and National Staff College. He has received the Gill Robb Wilson Award (number 2841).

Colonel Smith resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico with his wife Marjorie.